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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SATOSHI SAKAI, et al.

Serial No: 09/888,996

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For: A BUSINESS PROCEDURE AND  
BUSINESS  
OPERATION/MANAGEMENT  
APPARATUS

Art Unit: 3625

Examiner: James H. Zurita

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: